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* TOWN ELECTION TUESDAY MAY 9 *

NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

FIVE FILE FOR TWO COUNCIL SEATS-

Geraldine L. Elliott, C.
Donald English, Shirley M.
Outten, F. B. (Bud) Reid,
and Ronald Stevanus will

contend for two new seats on the Trappe Town Council in a general election to be held on May 9. The successful candidates will be elected to a full four year term increasing the number of commissioners from three to five.



Issues facing the new Council will include a 2.5 million dollar renovation of the wastewater treatment system, water & sewer rate structure changes, soaring trash disposal costs, expansion of recreational facilities, reconstruction of Main Street, the need for increased law enforcement and crime prevention, and the need to maintain an affordable tax structure.

The candidates have been interviewed by the *Star Democrat* and plans are being made to hold a meet the candidates night. Watch the local paper for announcement of the time and place.

Residents may register to vote at the Town Office weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. until March 28. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office and must be returned by May 2.

OTHER ELECTION NEWS- Upon recommendation of the Judges of Elections for Trappe, a number of changes to election laws were enacted at a special public meeting on 9 Jan. 95. An alternate member was added to the Board of Supervisors of Elections. Nancy Dunn has been appointed to fill this new position. The date for filing as a candidate for Town office has been changed to on or before the 3rd. Tuesday in March next preceding a town election. Primary election dates will be on the second Tuesday

in April of every odd numbered year and general elections will be on the second Tuesday in May. Primaries are only held if more than six candidates have filed for election.

OFFICE HOURS CHANGE- The Trappe Town Office will no longer be open on Tuesday evenings. A log showed that only three persons used the time in a month and two of those only dropped off a bill. The office will be open the first Wednesday of each month 1 hour before the Town Council meeting. (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

NEW TOWER ARRIVES- CONSTRUCTION DELAYED-

Trappe's new 250,000 gal. water tower has arrived and is ready to be assembled. The tower, which was originally erected in Florida, has been completely reconditioned, inspected and is in excellent condition. Although the County Council agreed to allow the tower to be erected in a corner of the Trappe ball field (owned by Talbot Co.), they did not want to deed land to the Town for this project. Additionally, the easement agreement had to accommodate the Little League schedule, limited access, and required other site restrictions which would make construction and future maintenance difficult.



The Commissioners are in agreement that the Town's best interest would be served by locating the tower at an alternate site. A tentative agreement has been reached to purchase the required land from the Maurice T. and Erva H. Adams estate. The parcel adjoins Town owned land where the wells are located. The close proximity to the wells will make connecting the Tower both simpler and less expensive. The Commissioners wish to thank Mr. Ormond Adams for making this land available.

WASTEWATER PLANT VISITED- The commissioners traveled to St. Mary's county to observe a Biolac wastewater treatment plant of the type recommended for Trappe by an engineering study recently completed by Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.

NEW BUILDING PERMITS RESTRICTED- All new building permits must be approved by the Town Commissioners. This temporary measure is necessary as the Town is unable to meet some of the provisions of its wastewater discharge permit. New hookups must be limited until the wastewater treatment plant is upgraded.

SPECIAL TRASH POLICY CHANGE- Landfill costs are growing rapidly. Tractor and commercial vehicle tires in excess of 17 inch rim diameter are particularly costly and will no longer be picked up on heavy trash days. Residents may put out a maximum of four passenger car tires.

SPECIAL TRASH COLLECTION APRIL 28

SPEED SIGNS- on Marvel Drive and Seymour Drive are in place. State law has changed in recent years and any new residential street must be posted 30 mph unless there is a traffic engineering study done to justify some greater or lesser speed.

MARVEL DRIVE PAVING TO BEGIN SOON- Due to the weather, Delmarva Paving was unable to complete work on Marvel Drive before the asphalt plant closed for the winter. The work will be completed in April at the contracted price.

MAPLE AVENUE PARKING RESTRICTED- Sidewalk replacement along Maple Ave. from Powell Ave. to Main Street is nearly complete. Due to the narrowness of the street, no parking will be permitted along this section of Maple Ave.

TOWN OFFICE GETS NEW COMPUTER-

The Town has recently purchased a new IBM compatible 486-SX computer. The system was 100% funded by a grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and has the capability of accessing the Maryland Building Performance Standards computer data base. The new machine can also send and receive faxes, do word processing, and many other tasks.



SHERIFF TO SPEAK- Talbot County Sheriff Tommy Duncan will present a proposal at the April 5 th. Town Council meeting which, if approved, would greatly increase

the amount of police protection for the residents of Trappe. A number of individuals have expressed a growing concern over acts of vandalism, loitering, speeding, parking violations, and other lawlessness. The proposed plan is one possible way to address these concerns without spending a large amount of tax dollars.

WATER TESTED FOR FLUORIDE AND LEAD-

Trappe's drinking water contains only a small amount of naturally occurring fluoride, a substance known to help prevent tooth decay. Parents considering fluoride treatments for their small children may need to provide this information to their dentist. The latest fluoride test results are available at the Town Office.

Water samples from selected locations will again be tested for lead and copper as required by law. If these test results are satisfactory, the frequency of testing may be reduced. Residents can lessen the risk of lead contamination by allowing water to run to flush faucets and pipes after periods of nonuse.

BALL FIELD MAY BE ENLARGED- The Planning Commission and the Town Commissioners are exploring the possibility of adding almost eleven acres to the present ball park. If approved, the acquisition cost would be funded by a government grant. The Town would likely have to pay all or part of the costs of constructing and maintaining the new facility.

SEWER PUMPS CLOGGED- The wastewater pumps at the South Main Street pumping station are frequently being stopped up by rags, diapers, and feminine hygiene articles. Residents are reminded not to put solid objects in the toilet.

ABOUT TOWN

CABLE TO OFFER COMMUNITY CHANNEL- Falcon Cable's Regional Manager has assured the Town's people that Trappe cable customers will have access to Easton Community Service channels this year. No further expansion of programing is planned. Falcon says they are working to correct reception problems.

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1996 BUDGET WORKSHOP

PLANNED- The Commissioners will hold a **public** budget workshop on April 12th. at 7:00 at the Town Hall. Items being considered for funding during

the next fiscal year will be presented along with anticipated sources of revenue. Everyone is welcome.

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